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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL MEETING

REFS: A. COPENHAGEN 230 (NOTAL); B. BONN 1113

SUMMARY: SPD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY DINGELS GAVE  
FOLLOWING REPORT ON SI MEETING WHICH HE HAD ATTENDED.

HE AGREED THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE  
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GERMANS (BRANDT AND SCHMIDT) AND THE FRENCH (MITTERRAND)

ON THE QUESTION OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS BUT FELT THAT THE PRESS HAD EXAGGERATED THE PERSONAL NATURE OF THE DISAGREEMENT. THERE WAS NOT, ACCORDING TO DINGELS, A UNIFIED PRO-MITTERRAND POSITION ON THE PART OF THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. THE MEETING WAS, ACCORDING TO DINGELS, VERY USEFUL AND THERE WAS MORE SERIOUS DISCUSSION AND LESS "SHOW" THAN AT SOME PAST SI MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. SPD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY DINGELS, WHO ATTENDED THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN ELSINORE, DID NOT HAVE MUCH TO ADD TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED FROM COPENHAGEN. HE FELT THAT MEETING HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN LESS "SHOW" AND MORE EFFORT TOWARDS SERIOUS DISCUSSION THAN THERE HAD BEEN AT SOME OF THE PAST SI MEETINGS.

2. DINGELS FEELS THAT THE PRESS HAS EXAGGERATED THE PERSONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND MITTERRAND OVER THE ISSUE OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. THERE WERE, HE SAID, VERY DIFFERENT ASSESSMENTS OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. HOWEVER THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND MITTERRAND HAD NOT BEEN EMOTIONAL OR PERSONAL.

3. ONE MUST KEEP IN MIND, DINGELS COMMENTED, THAT PART OF THE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION COMES FROM THE FACT THAT MITTERRAND IS A FRENCHMAN. HE WAS, ACCORDING TO DINGELS, SO PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS OWN POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN FRANCE THAT HE DID NOT SEE THE LARGER IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPE OF SUCH AN ALLIANCE.

4. IT WAS NOT CERTAIN, ACCORDING TO DINGELS, THAT THE "SOUTHERN EUROPEAN" SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES SUPPORT THE MITTERRAND LINE. SOARES HAD LEFT THE CONFERENCE BEFORE THE ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS ALSO EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE SITUATION IN ITALY FROM DE MARTINO'S PRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE.

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DINGELS ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN BRANDT AND SCHMIDT IN STYLE OF PRESENTATION  
BUT NOT IN SUBSTANCE, AS FAR AS THE ISSUE OF  
COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IS CONCERNED.

5. IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC  
SITUATION SCHMIDT GAVE, ACCORDING TO DINGELS, AN  
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"ECONOMIC LECTURE" IN WHICH HE STRESSED THE NEED TO GET THE MARKET ECONOMY IN ORDER AGAIN, AND TO RECREATE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY STABILITY. SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE DANISH MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL TRADE DISCUSSED NORTH-SOUTH TRADE.

6. THE CONFERENCE VOICED SUPPORT FOR FELIPE GONZALES' PSOE, BUT IT WAS FELT THAT GONZALES DID NOT REQUIRE, AT THIS TIME, THE "SPECIAL" SUPPORT THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HAD GIVEN TO SOARES A FEW MONTHS AGO (I.E., THE FORMULATION OF A SPECIAL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE INCLUDING BRANDT, PALME, ETC.).

7. THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TINDEMANS REPORT TOOK PLACE AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EC COUNTRIES AND WAS AT THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY LEVEL RATHER THAN THE PARTY LEADER LEVEL. THE CONSENSUS WAS POSITIVE, DINGELS SAID, BUT THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME IMPORTANT POINTS LEFT OUT OF THE REPORT.

8. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE CONVERSATION THAT DINGELS WAS ATTEMPTING TO GLOSS OVER ANY DIFFERENCES AT THE SI MEETING. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH OTHER INFORMED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A MORE REALISTIC PICTURE AS TO THE GERMAN SPD LEADERSHIP'S ASSESSMENT OF THE CONFERENCE.  
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